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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Presents Chief of the California State Archives to the Legislature

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson introduced Nancy Zimmelman, Chief of the State Archives to the members of the Senate and Assembly today. Joining them were Nancy's parents and members of the State Archives staff.

"As California's first female Archivist in state history, I am proud that Nancy had this opportunity to be recognized before the Legislature. I'd like to thank Senators Ortiz and Cox and Assemblymembers Berg and Nakanishi for their assistance in organizing this event," said Secretary McPherson. "To be recognized before the Legislature is a great honor and I am happy that Nancy was able to receive this acknowledgement."

Since being appointed by Secretary McPherson, Zimmelman has been focusing on issues relating to electronic records and digital records preservation to ensure that those records, including paper-based records, will be available to researchers and historians for years to come.

"It is an honor to be introduced to the Legislature and to serve as the first woman State Archivist in California History," said Nancy Zimmelman. "I am proud that my parents and members of the State Archives staff were able to share this experience with me."

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